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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1883.

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## For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

RACE SADDLES.

JOCKEY WHIPS.

PONY HARNESS.

RACING SCARVES.

HATS, IN NEWEST SHADES.

KID GLOVES.

FRENCH SHOES AND BOOTS.

LATEST HOSIERY AND SHIRTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1883. [296]

## Insurances.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$333,333-33.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,852-27.

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MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at  
CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [501]

YANGTSE INSURANCE  
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000-00  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000-00  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553-95

TOTAL CAPITAL and  
ACCUMULATIONS, &c.,.....Tls. 940,553-95  
May, 1882.

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H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
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Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co.,  
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Policies granted on MARINE RISKS to all  
parts of the World.  
Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for interest  
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the  
Underwriting BUSINESS are annually dis-  
tributed among all Contributors of Business (whether  
Shareholders or not) in proportion to the  
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Underwritten have been appointed  
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD  
OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN  
SHIPPING.

Agents,  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

## Intimations.

WANTED.

A SITUATION as CLERK, BOOK-  
KEEPER, or GENERAL ASSISTANT,  
by a young man who has had ten years experience  
in China and Japan. Speaks French, English,  
German, Italian and Japanese. Moderate Sal-  
ary required. First-class references.

Apply to

B. C. A.,

Care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1883. [139]

WANTED.

THE ADVERTISER  
A SITUATION as  
OFFICE ASSISTANT or STORE-KEEPER.

Address—

M. E. G.,

Care of Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1882. [19]

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day PURCHASED the GOOD-  
WILL and STOCK-IN-TRADE of W. P.  
MOORE'S HAIR DRESSING SALOON, Hongkong  
Hotel. I trust to meet the same Patronage so  
liberally bestowed upon my Predecessor.

J. P. MARMANDE.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [92]

## To be Let.

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms)  
in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas  
and Water laid on; and immediate possession  
can be had.

For Particulars apply to

D. NOWROJEE,

Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [18]

TO LET,

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

FOUR LARGE ROOMS in Blue Buildings,  
Wanchai, (opposite the Long Pier) lately  
occupied by Mr. H. Joyce.

Apply to

H. H.,

Care of Messrs. SAYLE & Co.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1883. [103]

TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.  
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.  
No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL.  
No. 10, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1883. [17]

## Intimations.

HONGKONG RACES—1883.

RULE 15.—ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND  
and ENCLOSURE for GENTLEMEN being  
Subscribers of \$10, or upwards, to the Fund,  
Free; for Non-Subscribers, \$5 for the Meeting.  
For Admission to the NEW STAND \$1 per  
item.

RULE 16.—Tickets of Admission to the  
GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE to be had  
on Application to J. THURBURN, Esq., Hon.  
Treasurer, and at the Gate on RACE DAYS.  
No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown  
to the Gate-keeper.

H. J. H. TRIPP,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1883. [150]

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY  
OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that under the  
Provisions of the Articles of Association of  
the Company, an EXTRAORDINARY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be  
held at the Offices of the Company, Peddar's  
Wharf, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY,  
the 3rd day of March Next, at TWELVE O'CLOCK  
NOON, for the purpose of re-arranging the  
Regulations of the Company by passing a Special  
Resolution whereby the present Articles of  
Association of the Company are proposed to be  
cancelled and expunged from the Regulations  
of the Company, and New Articles of Association  
be adopted and substituted in lieu of and exclusion  
thereof.

And Notice is hereby given that a Copy of  
the proposed Resolution and of the proposed  
New Articles of Association can be seen by any  
Shareholder at the Company's Office, in  
Victoria, before the date appointed for holding  
the said Meeting.

By Order of the Board.

DOUGLAS JONES,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, dated the 21st day of February,  
A.D. 1883. [151]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be  
held in the Offices of the Company, No. 14,  
Praya, Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th  
March, at THREE O'CLOCK P.M., for the purpose  
receiving the Report of the Directors and a  
Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1882.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 22nd instant to the  
7th prox. inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1883. [143]

LOST.

AT the RACECOURSE on SATURDAY,  
January 27th a RACE GLASS. The  
Finder will be Rewarded on RETURNING the  
same to

W. M.,

Care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1883. [121]

## F. D. GUEDES.

WINE MERCHANT AND GENERAL  
COMMISSION AGENT.

No. 5, D'AGUIAR STREET.

HAS always on hand a large assortment of  
CHOICE WINES of the best quality, at  
Moderate Prices.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [663]

GUEDES & CO.

PRINTERS, STATIONERS, AND

BOOKBINDERS.

D'AGUIAR STREET.

EVERY KIND OF WORK EXECUTED WITH  
ACCURACY, NEATNESS, AND DESPATCH  
ON

VERY MODERATE TERMS.

SELECTED MATERIALS FOR  
MARKET REPORTS.

Book-binding and Ruling in every style executed  
at low rates. Workmanship Guaranteed.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1882. [14]

## Intimations.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

## SAYLE & CO. ARE SHOWING.

WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING OUR STOCK TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW GOODS  
WE ARE OFFERING FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

FANCY CHECKED DRESS MATERIALS.....@ 15c. PER YARD USUAL PRICE 25c.  
INVISIBLE CHECKED Do.....@ 15c. do. do. 25c.  
POMPADOUR DELAINES Do.....@ 20c. do. do. 65c.  
ROUGH & READY SERGES Do.....@ 20c. do. do. 30c.  
CHECKED MOHAIRS Do.....@ 30c. do. do. 45c.  
TERRA COTTA & OTHER STRIPED SATINETTES.....@ 50c. do. do. 75c.  
FANCY VELVETEENS.....@ 35c. do. do. 50c.

LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.25 PER PAIR do. \$2.50  
LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.50 do. do. \$2.50  
LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.75 do. do. \$2.82.

N.B.—JUST OPENED A CASE OF ATKINSON'S SCENTS.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG. [659]

## ROSE & CO.

31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CHOICE VARIETY

OF

FRENCH AND ENGLISH TWEEDS

FOR

GENTLEMEN'S SUITINGS

CASHMERE AND ANGOLA NOVELTIES

ALL OF WHICH ARE SHUNK READY FOR MAKING UP.

GENTLEMEN'S FINEST HATS (Christie's) the latest shapes.

WHITE AND COLOURED SHIRTS.

LINEN COLLARS AND FANCY SCARVES.

GENTLEMEN'S HOSE in great variety.

UNDERSHIRTS in Balbriggan, Merino, Cashmere and Lambswool.

GENTLEMEN'S KID GLOVES 2 & 3 BUTTONS.

UMBRELLAS AND WALKING STICKS.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

DRESS GOODS IN CASHMERE, FANCY WOOL AND OTHER TEXTURES.

BROCADED GAUZE and GRENADINES.

CASHMERE EMBROIDERED COSTUMES.

BRAIDED JACKET CLOTH MANTLES.

RICH BROCADED SILKS.

COLOURED BROCADED SILKS and MOIRE'S.

LADIES' KID GLOVES 2, 4, 6, 8, and 12 BUTTONS.

FANCY JET GOODS in endless variety.

LADIES' and GENTS' CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S UNDERCLOTHING.

HOSIERY and CORSETS.

HABERDASHERY, UMBRELLAS, AND SUNSHADES.

&c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH PAYMENT.

ROSE & CO.,

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD—HONGKONG. [379]

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1883.

## "NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

JUST RECEIVED.

THE FOLLOWING MUSIC EX STEAMSHIP

"GLENEAGLES"—

Les Siénces—Valse, by E. Waldteufel.

My Queen—Valse, by E. Waldteufel.

Messenger of Love—Valse, by C. Coote Jr.

Dolores Valse—by E. Waldteufel.

Officers' Valse—by C. Coote Jr.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING ROYAL EDITIONS OF OPERAS, WITH VOCAL AND

PIANOFORTE SCORES, IN ENGLISH AND ITALIAN.

Lucia di Lammermoor—by Donizetti.

Don Pasquale—by Donizetti.

Lucrezia Borgia—by Donizetti.

L'Elisir d'Amore—by Donizetti.

La Favorita—by Donizetti.

Masaniello—by Auber.

Le Soir de Valence—by Bellini.

Norma—by Bellini.

Il Barbiere—by Rossini.

I Puritani—by Bellini.

Lo Premier Pas—Polka, by C. Coote Jr.

Trial by Jury—by A. Sullivan.

H.M.S. Pinafore—by A. Sullivan.

Ever of Thee—Song, by Foley Hall.

S. MEYERS,

MANAGER. [38]

Hongkong, 14th February, 1883.

## W. BREWER.

PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

HAVING long felt the need of a PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY in Hongkong,  
I have determined, should a sufficient number Volunteer to Subscribe to it, to  
form a Library on the same basis as Circulating Libraries are formed in England, and  
from my Experience in such matters in England, I feel certain that I can form and  
conduct a Library satisfactorily to all. My Experience in the East Teaches me that  
the principal demand would be for LIGHT LITERATURE, and the Ordinary 3-Volume  
English Novels would therefore preponderate, at the same time Works of any interest on  
Science, Biography and Travel would find their place on the Library Shelves.

THE SUBSCRIPTION WOULD BE \$15 PER ANNUM FOR A SINGLE  
SET OF BOOKS.

Willing Subscribers will kindly send in their Names as early as possible in order  
that some estimate might be formed of the probable success of the Scheme.

W. BREWER,

QUEEN'S ROAD. [703]

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883.

## For Sale.

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON  
AERATED WATERS.

7, BEACONFIELD ARCADE,  
(Opposite the City Hall)

Having Purchased the entire Machinery of the  
late Mr. E. CHASTEL'S  
SODA WATER FACTORY  
is now prepared to execute the largest orders  
for every description of Aerated Waters with  
promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY  
IS GUARANTEED.  
Consumers are invited to try these carefully  
Manufactured

SPARKLING WATERS.  
THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.  
All Orders and Communications should be ad-  
dressed to The Factory,  
7, BEACONFIELD ARCADE.  
Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [225]

## For Sale.

G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER  
MANUFACTURERS  
AND  
JEWELLERS  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,  
CHARTS AND BOOKS.

No. 45, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [434]

WILLIAM SCHMIDT & CO.  
GUNMAKERS & AMMUNITION  
DEALERS,  
BEACONFIELD ARCADE.

Arms, Ammunitions, and Requisites of  
every description.

Arms Repaired, Cleaned, or Converted at  
moderate charges.

Sporting Guns and Ammunition Always  
on hand.

## Amusements.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

THEATRE ROYAL

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

ON

SATURDAY EVENING,

THE 24TH INSTANT,

THE LAST AND FAREWELL

APPEARANCE OF THE COMPANY,

FOR THE BENEFIT OF

SIGNORA SILINI,

AND

SIGNORA BERTOLINI,

when the following Attractive Programme will

be presented:

PART I.

FOURTH ACT OF MARCIETTA'S OPERA

"RUY BLAS."

Characters by Signora SILINI and PETROVICH

and Signori CIOCCI and PETROVICH.

INTERVAL OF TEN MINUTES.

PART II.

1.—Grand Aria from "Cotillon" PETRELLA.

D'Amalfi.....SIGNORA BERTOLINI.







arrangement supervision; but in the absence of such arrangements, all Opium must be boiled and prepared at the Public Factory at Sai On Lane, Sai-yung-nan.

Scalped tenders will be received up to the 27th instant, at noon, for the farming of Opium Dross within the Colony.

By Command,  
FREDERICK STEWART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1883.

CONDITIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EXCISE ORDINANCES (OPIMUM), 1858-1879.

1.—Licences will run from the date of granting, but all licences will expire on the last day of February in each year. The payment for each licence will be at the rate of \$25 per month.

2.—Each licence shall state the name of the Licensee and the shop or house where the business is to be carried on, and specify the name of the street, and the street number of the house.

3.—The consideration money shall be paid monthly in advance; and there shall be paid in addition to the first monthly payment by every Licensee upon his licence being granted, a further sum equal to one monthly payment as a deposit on account of the consideration money, and the deposit shall go in payment of the last monthly payment of the said term.

4.—Every monthly payment must be paid on the first lawful day of each month, and in default of any such payment the Governor in Council shall be entitled to withdraw the licence, and to retain all moneys paid thereunder, and the Licensee shall make good all losses and expenses incurred by reason of such default.

5.—No licence shall be transferable without the permission of the Governor in Council.

6.—All Opium sold by the Licensee shall be prepared at the Factory at Sai On Lane, or at other places specially licensed by the Governor in Council. Every ball, or any quantity less than one ball, so to be prepared, shall be calculated at the rate of 48 taels per ball, and every such Licensee shall pay to the Government in addition to the monthly payments of \$25 for his licence, a fee of \$2.25 for every ball so prepared, besides all expenses of preparation. Each ball shall produce between 20 and 30 taels weight of prepared Opium.

7.—The Licensee shall report daily to an Officer appointed by the Governor for the purpose, the quantity of opium sold per day. If the Licensee should make default in sending in such report, or should send in an incorrect report, all the opium found in the shop of the Licensee shall be liable to be seized by a Police or Excise Officer, and to be forfeited, and shall be by a Magistrate directed to be sold, and the proceeds paid into the Treasury for the public use.

8.—Opium intended for export shall be packed in boxes, and each box shall be submitted for examination to the Officer appointed for that purpose by the Governor, and if such examination be satisfactory, a certificate shall be attached to or a mark placed on the outside of each box. Should any box be discovered without having such certificate or mark, the same shall be forfeited to the Government, and the Governor in Council shall be at liberty to withdraw the licence held by the Licensee, to retain all moneys paid thereunder, and to claim the monthly fees due for the remainder of the term.

9.—No Licensee shall construct furnaces, nor prepare Opium in his own shop, nor in any other place, unless by permission of the Governor in Council, neither shall he buy prepared Opium unless from other licensed persons or shops; and in the event of any Licensee making default in observance of this condition, the Opium so prepared and purchased shall be forfeited to the Government.

10.—Every Licensee must sell Opium of good and pure quality.

11.—No Licensee shall remove his business from the shop or house licensed to another house or shop without the permission of the Governor in Council.

12.—The Licensee shall in every case find security for the payment of all fees and for the performance of all conditions subject to which the licence is granted.

13.—In case any Licensee shall commit a breach of any of the conditions subject to which the licence is granted, or commit any offence against the Provisions of the Excise Ordinances (Opium) 1858-1879, the Governor in Council may withdraw the licence, and retain all moneys paid thereunder, and claim the monthly fees due for the remainder of the term.

14.—Every Licensee must paint, or cause to be painted, in characters of at least 6 inches, on some conspicuous part of his house or shop, and keep there exhibited, his name with the words "Licensed to sell prepared Opium."

15.—For every breach of any of the above conditions, the penalty shall be a sum not exceeding \$500, in addition to any other forfeiture or liability specially provided for under the said conditions.

ARATHOON SETH,  
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber,  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1883.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 56.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT.

The following Rules regarding signalling at the Peak are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1883.

SIGNAL STATION, VICTORIA PEAK, HONGKONG.

1823 Feet above Sea Level.

1.—The Union Jack will be hoisted at the Mast Head when any vessel is being signalled.

2.—The Commercial Code of Signals for all Nations will be used at the Station.

3.—All Signals made by vessels in the Offing will be repeated.

4.—When Signalling to Men-of-War in the Harbour or in the Offing, a White Ensign will be hoisted at the Flagstaff, and at the Mast Head of the Man-of-War.

5.—When a Steamer, or the smoke of a Steamer, is sighted, the Compass Bearing at the Yard Arm, and Distance off at the Mast Head, will be hoisted.

6.—If the Steamer is a regular Mail Steamer, the Compass Signal and Symbol will be hoisted down. The Ball and Ensign will be kept up until the vessel anchors. The Distance Signal will be kept flying for half-an-hour, and changed at each successive half-hour to show the Distance on 30, 20, 10, and 5 minutes.

7.—When the vessel is between Green Island and the North Point of Hongkong the Distance Signal will be hoisted down. If the Mail Steamer is not in the Harbour when it is too dark to distinguish flags, a red light will be exhibited at the Yard Arm, or a green light at the Mast Head, until the vessel anchors.

8.—If the Steamer is not a regular Mail Steamer, the approach of other Steamers from Mexico or Canton will be made known by showing the

National, or House Flag and Symbol at Yard Arm.

8.—If a Flag showing that an Officer of high rank is on board an incoming vessel, a similar Flag will be shown above the Ball, or the Flag alone will be hoisted at the Mast Head.

9.—The approach of Men-of-War and Sailing Vessels will be notified by their proper Symbols and National Colours, or House Flags, at the Quarter of the Yard, or at the Yard Arm.

Note.—The Distances of vessels will be estimated from the Peak, and will be made by means of the Numerals which are attached to the letters in the table of Flags.

H. G. THOMSETT, R.N.,  
Harbour Master, &c.

THE WRECK OF THE "WUHU"

The following is the official finding of the

Naval Court of Inquiry:—

The Court pursuant to an order from Captain

Henry H. Hippisley, Senior Naval Officer, present,

has enquired into the circumstances attending

the loss of the British steamship *Wuhu*, official

number 79,685, which took place on the 6th

January, 1883, near the Upper Waterman buoy

in the river Yangtze Kiang and on the conduct

of the officers and crew and finds as follows:—

1.—That the steamship *Wuhu*, official number

79,685, of which James Mackay who holds a

Provisional Certificate of Competency dated

18th October, 1875, was Master, was stranded

about 300 yards to the Eastward of the Upper

Waterman Buoy (now the Vine Point Buoy) on

the Langshan Crossing at 2.30 p.m. of the

6th January, 1883, and subsequently became a

total wreck.

2.—That the Master James Mackay has had

no opportunity since the 18th October, 1875,

of presenting himself for examination before a

Local Marine Board.

3.—That at the time of the stranding, he was

in charge of the navigation of the vessel, and

was solely responsible for that occurrence.

4.—That the Second Officer had shortly

before the stranding of the *Wuhu* left the wheel-

house to collect the Chinese passengers' tickets,

and that it was customary for him to do so on

approaching a Landing Station.

5.—That after passing the Lightship Buoy, the

Channel was much crowded with Chinese

junks, and this, in addition to the haze on the

water, contributed to the circumstance that Mr.

Mackay did not sight the Upper Waterman Buoy.

6.—That the course taken by the *Wuhu* was

the usual course taken, but in passing the

Chinese junks she was forced too much over to the

North Bank.

7.—That Mr. Mackay sighted the Vine Point

upper Buoy and that he committed the grave

error of mistaking it for the Upper Waterman

Buoy, though at the time he saw it, he had

passed the Lightship Buoy at least 14 miles, and

that the haze on the water contributed to this

error.

8.—That he also committed a grave error in

judgment in not altering his course to the west-

ward sufficiently on getting four fathoms.

9.—That after the stranding of the *Wuhu*

every effort was made to save the vessel, and

that the officers and crew performed their duties

properly; the Court, however, desires to call

attention to the unsatisfactory way in which

William Campbell, the Chief Engineer, gave his

evidence.

The decision of the Court is:—

1.—That James Mackay be severely reprimanded

for his want of greater caution in the

navigation of his vessel, and he is hereby reprimanded.

2.—That his Provisional Certificate of Competency

be returned to him.

3.—That he pays the costs of this enquiry.

The Court desires to express its opinion that the loss

of the *Wuhu* was in some measure occasioned

by the want of distinct marks on each of the

buoys marking the channel in the Langshan

Crossing. The Court is of opinion that the

absence of the second officer from the deck

contributed to the fact that the Waterman buoy

was not sighted. It also appeared in evidence

that the Upper Waterman Buoy (Vine Point

Lower Buoy) had been adrift on the previous

downward voyage of the *Wuhu* and upward

voyage of the *S. S. Shanghai*.

B. C. GEORGE SCOTT,  
Vice-Consul, President.

F. W. BARRETT,  
Lieutenant (N.)

H.M.'s *Chopra*.

ALFRED SYMONS,  
Master, P. & O. S. S. *Pekin*.

FRANCIS WORSLEY,  
Master Mariner.

R. B. MARWOOD,  
Assistant Paymaster, R.N., H.M.'s *Cleopatra*,  
Clerk of Court.

NINGPO.

February 14th.

The Chinese New Year holidays passed off

with the usual amount of fire-crackers, more

than enough to awaken sound sleepers. I have

not heard of any failures; seemingly the hard

times experienced during the year have been

surmounted by Bankers' Loans on goods unsold.

Business has not resumed its wonted groove,

the hongs and shops still having closed doors

and the shutters on, only the small fry where

shops are the household dwelling may be seen

open.

The steamer *Wuchang* kept making her usual

trips to Ningpo during the holidays. The *Hai-*

*shin* remained over one trip in Shanghai, the

C. M. S. N. Company not seeing the necessity

of running, wasting money on coals when no

passengers were going. I believe on the China

New Year's day, the *Hai-shin* had only two

Chinese passengers and being China New Year's

day, would not charge them anything, giving a

good feed into the bargain. The *Wuchang*

would not make money on her trips as she was

never full. No doubt there is some reason at the

bottom of this known only between the two

Companies.

Some stir will be made now since the *Ashtul*

Minstrels were here to get up our expected

entertainment in aid of the Book Club. We

did not have a second edition of the Min-

strels on account of some of the crew not be-

having themselves and the Commander stopped at

their leaves.

All the Consuls did not receive the 7 guns

when going on board the *Ashtul*; perhaps

they did not go officially. Some Chinese officials

were saluted with 3 guns.

The *Kiangsen* was laid up for some repairs,

to-day, she has reappeared on the scene. The

*Ashtul* took her place, so she will likely get on

her Foochow line again.

The *Hai-shin* has taken the place of the *Yang*

*Ning* on the Wenchow route. Captain Lancaster,

who was in command of the *Yang Ning* on

to-day being late in command of its *Hai-shin*

now, he will be able to revise the scene of his

former labours for the Company.

The weather here has been fine, cold prevail-

ing, on Monday night rain, Tuesday rain

throughout the day but not heavy. Barometer

yesterday had been a little fluctuating 30.2 to

30.5 to-day even below that. Thermometer

from the 7th till to-day would appear to say that

milder weather was experienced from the 11th

to-day being like a summer day. Where painted

walls are to be seen, the *Ashtul* is running in

streams, on whitewashed walls the marks re-

main to tell the tale.

Ningpo is very free from sickness amongst

the foreign community, only colds and coughs

prevail.

Shooters had a fine time in the country, game

plentiful, but in some cases, guns could not

carry far enough, the birds are very wild. One

party of three got about seventy ducks in three

days.

The chief manager, Chun Yan Shan, of the

China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company,

late commander of Messrs. Russell & Co., died

here on Monday morning. Quite a story is con-

nected of his family relations. He belonged to

Chusan, and is 48 years of age, he leaves two

wives and two daughters, the Chinese say that

he died of grief as he could get no sons. He

was taken ill the day after a daughter was born.

His father had two wives—three sons by his first

wife, within the past three years all have died,

each son had two wives and none of them have

had male heirs. It seems that according to

Chinese custom, none of them can be buried.

When this one is removed to Chusan there will

be a father and three sons at the family

residence to bury, there are seven wives and some

daughters left alive, the mother died some time

ago.—*Temperance Union Correspondence.*

"THE SKELETON'S WIFE"

THE TRUE LOVE THAT LED TO THE MARRIAGE OF

BEAUTY NO. 71 AND THE LIVING SKELETON.

[New York Sun.]

When Isaac W. Sprague, the living skeleton

of Bunell's Museum, was told that Beauty No.

16 had taken the prize in the competition lately

held in New York, he burst into tears, dashed

his hat upon the floor, rattled his bones and

declared that the judges were not fit to decide a

question of female beauty. He would have made

a different decision, and have awarded the first

prize to 71, Miss Minnie Thompson. Miss

Thompson was, indeed, a very prepossessing

young woman, and, with a sensible appreciation

of her own charms, she was piqued at not receiving

the \$100, or even the \$50 that was given to

the beauty who carried off the second prize.

But the skeleton smiled upon her as soon as he

had dried his tears, and she was consoled. Not

that the skeleton is the highest type of manly

beauty. His arms are bones, hardly concealed

by the skin that covers them, and his legs seem

almost too thin to carry even his attenuated form.

But his face has a frank and independent ex-

pression, and though upon a man of ordinary pro-

portions it might show a somewhat unbecom-

ing prominence of cheek and chin bones, as com-

pared with the outline of his frail body, it ap-

pears to be positively soft. His hair is sur-

mounted with a fine stock of brick colored hair,

and a goatee and mustache of the same hue



**Post Office.**

Salgaon.—Per *Minard* *Castile*, to-morrow, 3d instant, at noon.  
 or Shanghai.—Per *Amoy*, to-morrow, the instant, at noon.  
 or Shanghai.—Per *Fookiang*, to-morrow, the instant, at noon.  
 or Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Newcastle, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, &c., &c.—Per *Nelson*, on Saturday, the 24th instant, at 10.30 P.M.  
 or Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Coniston*, on Sunday, the 24th instant, at 2.30 P.M.  
 or Port Darwin, Cooktown, Thursday Island, Newcastle, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, &c., &c.—Per *Down*, on Saturday, the 24th instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
 or Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow.—Per *Namoa*, on Sunday, the 24th instant, at 5 P.M.  
 or Nagasaki and Kobe.—Per *Kumanato*, on Friday, the 2nd March, at 3.30 P.M.

The Postal Guide published in 1879 being somewhat out of date, a revised issue is expected in the *Hong Kong Directory and Hong Kong for the Far East* for 1883, which supercedes all previous editions.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.**  
 The French Contract Packet "ANADYR" will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, in Mails to and through the United Kingdom, Europe, *via* Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Sumatra, the Colonies, the Australian Colonies, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Ceylon, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, and Mauritius. The usual hours will be observed in closing Mails, &c.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.**  
 The United States Mail Packet "ARABIC," will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 1st March, in Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be as follows:—  
 at 2.15 P.M. Registry cases.

At 2.30 P.M. Post-office closed, but correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with a Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time departure.

**HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.**

At 10 P.M. the FRENCH MAIL—DAY OF THE DEPARTURE—closes. Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

**DAY OF DEPARTURE.**

A.M., Post Office opens.

A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

A.M., Mail closed except for Letters.

At 10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until 1 P.M.

40 A.M. Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fees of 10 Cents until time of departure.

**THE ENGLISH MAIL.**  
The following hours are observed in closing mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet —

**DAY OF DEPARTURE.**  
00N. — Money Order Office closes.  
10 P.M. — Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
00 P.M. — Mails closed, except for Late Letters.  
10 P.M. — Letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until  
30 P.M. — when the Post Office closes entirely.  
40 P.M. — Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

**SAVINGS' AND SAVINGS' LETTERS.**

Commissioned, Officers,\* Bandmasters, Army, Schoolmasters (not Superintending or First Class) Writers or Schoolmistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom by mail at the rate of four cents (two-pence) each, which may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong stamps. By private steamer the postage is two cents (one penny).

2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned officers named above.

3.—Private Steamers leave Hongkong for London every ten days.

4.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce.

\* Bandmaster, Jeweller, &c. can be sent.

5.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer with name of regiment, ship &c.

tion. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and description, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be noted in full.

As to Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges in regard to boxes or papers, nor can these be prepaid with Imperial Stamps.

**LETTER BOXES.**

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the box is fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal; and of sending a chit-box or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, as to whether any part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

**RATES OF POSTAGE.**

Letters, per 100 ..... to Cents,

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| Books, Patterns, and Commercial  | 3 Cents,  |
| Papers per sq. of  |           |
| Newspapers & Prices Current, each  | 2 Cents,  |
| Registration   | 10 Cents, |
| Do. with return receipt  | 15 Cents, |
| Commercial Papers  | 1 Cent,   |
| Letters written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, each as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge is the same as for Books, but all packets of and under 4 oz. weight are charged 5 Cents. |           |
| Letters for the United States by Sailing Ship  |           |
| When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship, which is not   |           |

No reason will be accepted in this Department for the letters in the ordinary way, unless with the name of the ship, and prepaid on cents per half ounce, as usual. The Post Office then undertakes the duty of obtaining notices of departure and despatching the correspondence as it is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

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the shroffs told off to sell stamps should  
specially not be regarded as able to give correct  
information. The Postal Codes alone is the  
Standard on all points on which such information  
may be required.

— But for Warren's Officers, Mr. — Commander, General, Captain,  
or Commander.

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